

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 16, 2015  
Danbury Hospital**

**Present:** William Ackley – Committee Chair, Michele Connelly – DPH/OEMS,  
Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, John Reed – Danbury EMS, Jonathan Lillpopp – DPH/OEMS (via call in),  
Brian Baldwin – NC CT EMS CMED Operations, Joe Laucella – Trumbull EMS, Greg Priest –UCONN FD

**1.0 Call to order**

Chair Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 13:00 at Danbury Hospital. Chair Bill Ackley asked for a motion to suspend the agenda and have a single discussion item for today's meeting, EMS and Active Assailant Incidents. Judi Reynolds so moved, Michele Connelly seconded and all were in favor.

**2.0 EMS and Active Assailants**

Bill noted at the beginning of the year he developed a priority list for the committee's projects, one of the top priorities with the EMS Preparedness Guidelines project was the EMS and Active Assailants section. John Reed has put in a considerable amount of work gathering information and drafting a document. With John's document and material Greg Priest has contributed there has been good momentum and Bill would like to develop a timeline for completion and submission to CEMSAB by year-end. He commented on the need for this guideline in consideration of recent historical events.

John Reed gave an overview of Danbury's EMS efforts in training for these types of events. John has been the lead for Danbury EMS involvement with those efforts. He reviewed his credentials and personal experiences. John has reached out to a subject expert in North Carolina for input and who has agreed to assist in any way he can as the committee moves forward.

John reviewed the document submitted to the group noting the document breaks down who the stake holders are, unified command elements, levels of training and equipment needs. He spoke about the differences in responding agencies, their abilities and their limitations.

Bill feels all agencies should be trained to a minimal level, discussion followed on different levels of training. Greg commented on credentialing and some form of identification and validation of levels of training and equipment. Bill commented on requiring a minimal level of training at an awareness level for all responders. Greg spoke about standardized levels. Discussion followed on the cost and time required for proper training. Greg spoke about having every responder at least trained in the basic tenants of TECC (tactical emergency casualty care).

Joe Laucella spoke about having some sort of validation through OEMS especially with equipment required for these types of responses and researching funding availabilities. Joe Laucella feels every town regardless of size or location is vulnerable to this type of incident and should be prepared.

Greg questioned if the focus of the committee is to develop a statewide document for guidance or is it to make regulatory changes, Bill feels it is both. Extended discussion continued on development of standardized training and specialized teams that could be mobilized as needed. Local efforts committee members have been involved in were discussed and other team concepts. Law enforcement has to be included in these discussions. Joe Laucella and Bill Ackley have reached out to their local law enforcement. Greg feels it is critical State Police are involved. The lack of uniformity in the use of ICS/NIMS especially with incidents involving police was discussed.

Bill asked what the group felt were the next steps for the committee. Greg suggested developing a core group of individuals to develop an instructor curriculum and then select a group of instructors that can deliver the courses consistently. Discussion followed on currently available courses, course development and delivery. Joe Laucella feels it may be difficult to have everyone attend a specialized course but current EMS courses could at least include basic level curriculum at the awareness level as a first step. Then more advanced course could be available for services wanting to go to that level.

Jono suggested speaking with Ray prior to bringing it to Advisory. Discussion followed on how the document could move forward, Bill reviewed how the Response to Hazardous Conditions document moved through the process to final approval by CEMSAB. Consensus was to identify and reach out to key players for their input and support. Joe Laucella suggested having key discussion points prior to meeting with other entities and developing a plan for phased roll out. There was discussion on funding issues for training and equipment.

Bill will reach out to Dr. Kamin and Ray and coordinate a meeting to include John Reed and Greg Priest.

### **3.0. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 14:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator